

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 524
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. John Derryberry on the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Derryberry is clearly one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 9 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Derryberry exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association in 1989, and has made a significant contribution to overseeing and implementing great improvements to the Association; his accomplishments include overseeing extensive paving in the barn area and R.V. parks, the addition of two new restrooms built under the north and south grandstands, incorporation of the Olympic Judging System, installation of lampposts lining the entrance to the Celebration grounds and numerous other contributions; and.

WHEREAS, Dr. Derryberry received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1950 and an M.D. Degree in 1953, both from Vanderbilt University; and

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WHEREAS, the residents of Bedford County, Tennessee have fondly called him “the best doctor in the world for 41 productive years”; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the national board of directors of the American Academy of Family Physicians and served as the 1979-1980 national president of the group; and

WHEREAS, he admirably assumed leadership roles with the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, was named their Physician of the Year in 1969 and was elected their president in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Derryberry married Vanderbilt graduate Susan Thompson and they have three daughters;

WHEREAS, Dr. Derryberry is multi-talented; he is a woodworker, a blue ribbon pewter smith, a classic auto collector, a husband, a father, and a Tennessee Walking Horse enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Derryberry also took time from a very busy schedule to spend two months in Nepal as a part of the United Mission; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. John Derryberry our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.